

CLAIMS

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1. A mixture of an ethoxylated non-ionic surfactant having an average of from 20 to 100 ethylene-oxy groups per molecule with from 0.1 to 150 parts by weight of a water soluble thiocyanate.
 2. A concentrated non-ionic surfactant emulsion comprising water, and said mixture in a concentration adapted to form an emulsion or G phase at a temperature below 40°C.
 3. A structured surfactant composition capable of suspending solids which comprises a structuring surfactant, water and, if required, electrolyte in relative proportions adapted to form a dispersed lamellar and/or spherulitic structured surfactant system, capable of forming an L₂ phase at some temperature below 50°C and, optionally sufficient of a deflocculant to inhibit the flocculation of said system characterised in that said composition comprises an effective amount of a phase stabiliser which is a mixture of (i) an ethoxylated non-ionic surfactant having from 20 to 100 ethylene oxy groups and (ii) a water soluble thiocyanate in a relative molar proportion (i):(ii) of from 1 : 200 to 20:1.
 4. A composition according to claim 3 wherein said structuring surfactant comprises a major amount of a non-ionic surfactant and a minor amount of anionic and/or amphoteric surfactant.
 5. A composition according to either of claims 1 and 2 wherein said stabiliser comprises an ethoxylated C₈₋₂₀ fatty alcohol.
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6. A detergent composition comprising:-

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- (A) 10 to 50% by weight of the composition of water;
 - (B) At least 3% based on the weight of the composition, of a structured surfactant comprising more than 50% based on the total weight of surfactant of non-ionic surfactants having a mean HLB of from 8 to 15 and optionally a smaller proportion of anionic and/or amphoteric surfactant;
 - (C) At least 10% by weight based on the weight of the composition of builders;
 - (D) At least 7% based on the weight of the composition of dissolved non-micelle-forming salts and bases which dissociate at least partially in solution into ions, including any dissolved portion of said builder;
 - (E) A total free alkalinity of at least 0.5 normal;
 - (F) Sufficient of a deflocculant to provide, in conjunction with components A to E above a pourable composition which does not separate after 1 month at 25°C;

Wherein there is additionally from 0.01% to 5% by weight of an auxiliary stabiliser consisting of C_{8-20} alcohol ethoxylates having an average of from 25 to 100 ethyleneoxy groups per molecule, together with a water soluble thiocyanate.

7. A composition according to claim 6 wherein thiocyanate is potassium thiocyanate.

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